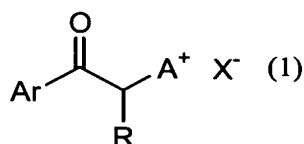


**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:**

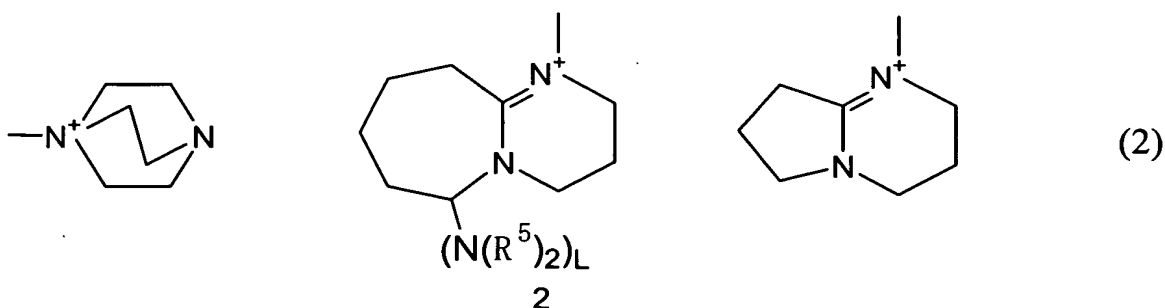
The following listing of claims replaces all prior listings, and all prior versions, of claims in the application.

**LISTING OF CLAIMS:**

1. (Original) A photocurable composition comprising (A) an episulfide compound containing a thiirane ring; and (B) a photo-base generator represented by the general formula (1):



wherein Ar is phenyl, biphenyl, naphthyl, phenathryl, anthracyl, pyrenyl, 5,6,7,8-tetrahydro-2-naphthyl, 5,6,7,8-tetrahydro-1-naphthyl, thienyl, benzo[b]thienyl, naphtho[2,3-b]thienyl, thianthrenyl, dibenzofuryl, chromenyl, xanthenyl, thioxanthy, phenoxanthinyl, terphenyl, stilbenyl or fluorenyl which may be unsubstituted, or mono- or poly-substituted with an alkyl group having 1 to 18 carbon atoms, an alkenyl group having 3 to 18 carbon atoms, an alkynyl group having 3 to 18 carbon atoms, a haloalkyl group having 1 to 18 carbon atoms, NO<sub>2</sub>, OH, CN, OR<sup>1</sup>, SR<sup>2</sup>, C(O)R<sup>3</sup>, C(O)OR<sup>4</sup> or halogen wherein R, R<sup>1</sup>, R<sup>2</sup>, R<sup>3</sup> and R<sup>4</sup> are respectively hydrogen or an alkyl group having 1 to 18 carbon atoms; -A<sup>+</sup> is an ammonium ion selected from the group consisting of those represented by the structural formulae (2):

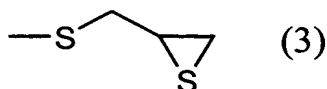


wherein L is 1 or 0; and R<sup>5</sup> is an alkyl group having 1 to 5 carbon atoms; and  
X<sup>-</sup> is a borate anion, an N,N-dimethyldithiocarbamate anion, an N,N-dimethylcarbamate anion, a thiocyanate anion or a cyanate anion.

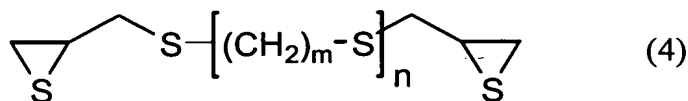
2. (Original) The photocurable composition according to claim 1, wherein in the general formula (1), Ar is an unsubstituted phenyl, biphenyl or naphthyl group.

3. (Original) The photocurable composition according to claim 1, wherein in the general formula (1), the counter anion X<sup>-</sup> is a borate anion.

4. (Currently amended) The photocurable composition according to claim 1 ~~any one of claims 1 to 3~~, wherein the compound (A) is a compound having at least one structure represented by the structural formula (3):



5. (Currently amended) The photocurable composition according to claim 1 ~~any one of claims 1 to 3~~, wherein the compound (A) is represented by the following general formula (4):



wherein m is an integer of 0 to 4; and n is an integer of 0 to 2.

6. (Original) The photocurable composition according to claim 5, wherein in the general formula (4), the integer n is 0, or the integer n is 1 and the integer m is 0.

7. (Currently amended) The photocurable composition according to claim 1~~any one of claims 1 to 6~~, further comprising a solvent capable of dissolving the photo-base generator represented by the general formula (1).

8. (Currently amended) A method for curing the photocurable composition as defined in claim 1~~any one of claims 1 to 7~~ by irradiation of ultraviolet rays, ~~and a cured product obtained by the method.~~

9. (Currently amended) A method of curing the photocurable composition as defined in claim 1~~any one of claims 1 to 7~~ in the absence of air, ~~and a cured product obtained by the method.~~

10. (Currently amended) A coating composition comprising the photocurable composition as defined in claim 1~~any one of claims 1 to 7~~, and (C) a modified silicone oil.

11. (Original) The coating composition according to claim 10, further comprising (D) a silane coupling agent.

12. (Currently amended) A method of curing the coating composition as defined in claim 10-~~or 11~~ by irradiation of ultraviolet rays, ~~and a coating film obtained by the method.~~

13. (Currently amended) A method of curing the coating composition as defined in claim 10-~~or 11~~ by irradiation of ultraviolet rays in the absence of air, ~~and a coating film obtained by the method.~~

14. (Currently amended) An optical product provided on a surface thereof with the coating film as defined in claim 12-~~or 13~~.

15. (New) A cured product made by the method of claim 8.

16. (New) A method for curing the photocurable composition as defined in claim 7 by irradiation of ultraviolet rays.

17. (New) A cured product made by the method of claim 16.

18. (New) A cured product made by the method of claim 9.

19. (New) A method of curing the photocurable composition as defined in claim 7 in the absence of air.

20. (New) A cured product made by the method of claim 19.

21. (New) A coating composition comprising the photocurable composition as defined in claim 7, and (C) a modified silicone oil.

22. (New) The coating composition according to claim 21, further comprising (D) a silane coupling agent.

23. (New) A coating film made by the method of claim 12.

24. (New) A coating film made by the method of claim 13.